

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG to seek bids to construct coordinated traffic signals

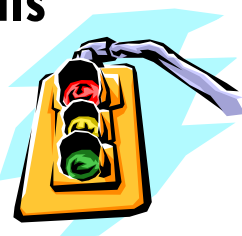
SANBAG will begin advertising this spring for two construction bids to synchronize traffic signals throughout the San Bernardino Valley.

The work will involve two project tiers. Tier 1 consists of 299 traffic signals on major streets along Interstate 10 and Route 60. Tier 2 includes 294 signals along other major streets, such as Foothill Boulevard, Baseline, Arrow Highway, Central Avenue and Barton Road. The estimated construction costs are \$1.1 million for Tier 1 and \$1.8 million for Tier 2.

Over a broad area, a system of coordinated traffic signals results in a 12 to 15 percent reduction in travel times and an accompanying reduction in fuel consumption, pollution and rear-end collisions. The synchronization is funded through federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds.

Construction is expected to begin early this summer and last about eight months. The work will involve installing traffic signal interconnect systems, connecting various signals to existing fiber optic systems, installing one traffic light on Barton Road in Grand Terrace and performing other related work at signal locations throughout the system. SANBAG is in the process of awarding construction management contracts for oversight of this work.

Two additional traffic signal synchronization tiers are planned for the future, each expected to cost about \$3 million.



■ Freight movement initiatives on track

SANBAG is at the hub of a number of initiatives to improve the movement of goods through the region and state.

"A number of parallel efforts are underway in the freight movement arena, and we clearly are making progress in formulating and delivering a regional freight movement strategy," said Ty Schuiling, SANBAG's Director of Planning and Programming.

Recent efforts include:

- Ongoing preparation of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan, expected to be completed by late 2007. The plan will address air quality, community impacts, infrastructure, funding and institutional needs.
- Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for federal and state assistance and creation of a regional strategy for freight movement.
- Development of a State Goods Movement Action Plan to focus on a centralized process for project evaluation and selection.
- Discussions by the Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition on an arrangement that would be best suited to oversee delivery of the multi-county goods movement program.

■ Members bid farewell to SB Mayor Valles

SANBAG said goodbye to longtime San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles, who has served as a member of the agency's Board of Directors since March 1998. Valles is retiring from elected life about two terms as the city's mayor.



Mayor Judith Valles

Board President Kelly Chastain presented a plaque to Valles to thank her for her eight years of service to SANBAG. During her tenure on the SANBAG Board, Valles served on the Plans & Programs Policy Committee, Major Projects Committee, Commuter Rail Committee, Alameda Corridor East Committee and Measure I Renewal Committee. She also served on the Omnitrans Board of Directors and was a delegate to the Southern California Association of Governments.

Down the road . . .

- Mar. 8: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- Mar. 9: Major Projects, 9 a.m.
- Mar. 15: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Mar. 16: Committee Rail Committee, 12 noon
- Mar. 17: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Mar. 23-24: City-County Conference

SANBAG requests federal support for projects

Requests for highway, grade separation, transit projects total \$59 million

The Board of Directors approved a \$59 million list of regional transportation projects to submit for federal funding requests. This list of 14 projects will be submitted for consideration in the 2007 appropriations package.

The list contains requests for funds ranging from \$1.5 million to \$10 million for highway, interchange, grade separation, bus and commuter train projects. In an effort to fully fund projects, Board members approved those that already have some funding allocated to them or those that will receive a portion of funds from the federal transportation act, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act — A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Board members also worked to limit the list to funds that can be spent within a one-year period. Once the requests are submitted, SANBAG expects to hear whether they are granted this fall.

Federal Appropriations Requests

SANBAG will request Congressional appropriations for the following projects:

- **Needles Highway**, \$10 million — To improve motorist safety by reducing flooding and washouts on this rural highway between Needles and Laughlin.
- **High Desert Corridor, Phase 1**, \$5 million — To obtain project approvals and environmental clearance for interchanges along a new High Desert Corridor from Palmdale to Victorville.
- **La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange with I-15**, \$5 million — To build a new freeway interchange for traffic relief in Victorville and offer an improved east-west route from Apple Valley.
- **Eucalyptus Interchange with I-15**, \$2 million — To build a new interchange to manage traffic congestion in the rapidly growing Hesperia area.
- **Morongo Basin Transit Authority Transfer Center**, \$1.5 million — To develop a bus transfer facility in Yucca Valley with bus shelters, bike racks, informational kiosks and handicapped access.
- **Metrolink Double Track**, \$2 million — To add rail tracks on Metrolink's San Bernardino Line.
- **Baseline Interchange with I-15**, \$1.5 million — To widen the existing interchange with two new bridges, a loop ramp and left turn lanes at this congested location in Rancho Cucamonga.
- **Omnitrans Mid-Valley Transit Facility**, \$9 million — To begin the paratransit phase for of a Rancho Cucamonga Omnitrans facility, which would hold 100 vehicles, parts storage, fuel stations and paint/body shop.
- **Metrolink Sealed Corridor**, \$5 million — To provide grade crossing improvements, crossing closures and education programs along Metrolink's full 56-mile San Bernardino Line.
- **Cherry Avenue Interchange with I-10**, \$3 million — To replace this heavily congested interchange at Cherry Avenue in Fontana, which serves heavy industrial areas, truck stops and the California Speedway.
- **Vineyard Avenue Grade Separation**, \$3 million — To design and pre-



SANBAG is seeking federal funds to develop an intermodal transit center for Omnitrans, plus other highway, interchange and grade separation projects across San Bernardino County.

pare environmental documents for this grade separation in Ontario.

- **Omnitrans Intermodal Transit Center**, \$4 million — To provide a single transfer point in San Bernardino for bus, express bus and Metrolink riders.
- **Palm Avenue Grade Separation**, \$5 million — To design, prepare environmental documents and acquire right-of-way for a railroad grade separation in San Bernardino.
- **Lenwood Avenue Grade Crossing**, \$3 million — To design, prepare environmental documents and acquire right-of-way for grade crossing improvements near Barstow.
- **Victor Valley Transit Facility**, \$5 million — To build a new facility to house administration, maintenance and operations for the Victor Valley Transit Authority in Victorville.